AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A fuel injection device comprising a fuel distribution pipe and a fuel injection valve mounted on said fuel distribution pipe,

wherein a band-shaped protrusion extends in the radial direction from a flange portion of a connecting pipe member arranged on said fuel distribution pipe and further extends in parallel to the axis of said fuel injection valve, said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a fitting hole, and said fuel injection valve is provided with a protrusion that fits into said fitting hole.

2. (original): A fuel injection device comprising a fuel distribution pipe and a fuel injection valve mounted on said fuel distribution pipe,

wherein a band-shaped protrusion extends in the radial direction from a flange portion of a connecting pipe member arranged on said fuel distribution pipe and further extends in parallel to the axis of said fuel injection valve, said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a protrusion protruding inward, and said fuel injection valve is provided with a hollow into which said protrusion is fitted.

3. (original): A fuel injection device comprising a fuel distribution pipe and a fuel injection valve mounted on said fuel distribution pipe,

wherein a band-shaped protrusion extends in the radial direction from a flange portion of a connecting pipe member arranged on said fuel distribution pipe and further extends in parallel to the axis of said fuel injection valve, said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a fitting hole, and said fuel injection valve is provided with a snap spring that is fitted into said fitting hole and extends in the axial direction of said fuel injection valve.

4. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said snap spring is provided with an engaging protrusion at an end thereof.

5. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 1, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a narrow portion.

6. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 2, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a narrow portion.

7. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a narrow portion.

8. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 1, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a thin-walled portion.

9. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 2, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a thin-walled portion.

10. (original): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said band-shaped protrusion is provided with a thin-walled portion.

11. (new): The fuel injection device according to claim 3, wherein said snap spring is moveable in a radial direction when mounting the fuel injection valve on said fuel distribution pipe.